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## SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 138

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 24-5-0.5-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) It is an incurable deceptive act for an individual, while soliciting or performing a consumer transaction, to claim, either orally or in writing, to possess a doctorate degree or use a title, a word, letters, an insignia, or an abbreviation associated with a doctorate degree, unless the individual:

(1) has been awarded a doctorate degree from an institution that is:

(A) accredited by a regional or professional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation;

(B) a religious seminary, institute, college, or university whose certificates, diplomas, or degrees clearly identify the religious character of the educational program; or

(C) operated and supported by a governmental agency; or

(2) meets the requirements approved by ~~a board listed in IC 25-1-2-6; one~~ **(1) of the following boards:**

**(1) Medical licensing board of Indiana.**

**(2) State board of dental examiners.**

**(3) Indiana optometry board.**

**(4) Board of podiatric medicine.**



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- (5) State psychology board.
- (6) Board of chiropractic examiners.
- (7) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners.
- (8) Indiana board of pharmacy.
- (9) Indiana state board of nursing.

(b) It is an incurable deceptive act for an individual, while soliciting or performing a consumer transaction, to claim to be a:

- (1) physician unless the individual holds an unlimited license to practice medicine under IC 25-22.5; or
- (2) chiropractic physician unless the individual holds a limited license as a chiropractor under IC 25-10-1.

~~(b)~~ (c) The attorney general shall enforce this section in the same manner as any other incurable deceptive act under this chapter.

**SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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